

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) An audio storage apparatus comprising:

a) an audio storage unit for storing audio data including audio information, the audio information including a response message ~~individually pre-recorded for each of a plurality of predetermined callers, each of the callers being identified by caller information thereof,~~

b) a response message control table for assigning each caller information with each of a plurality of the response messages for each of a plurality of mailboxes,

[[b]] c) an audio data controller for reading out the audio data stored in said audio storage unit,

[[c]] d) a central controller for controlling said audio storage apparatus,

[[d]] e) a network interface for connecting said audio storage apparatus to a network including a telephone line or an extension line, and

[[e]] f) a caller information detector for detecting caller information from an input signal incoming from the network,

wherein the central controller

i) when it is judged that a mailbox number, which is sent from the network, has been assigned, refers to the response message control table for judging whether a response message corresponding to the caller information detected by the caller information detector is assigned or not,

ii) when it is judged that a response message corresponding to the caller information detected by the caller information detector is assigned, reproduces the response messages, and

iii) when it is judged that a response message corresponding to the caller information detected by the caller information detector is not assigned, reproduces a response message not assigned to the caller information ~~wherein the central controller reproduces the response message for a call which the caller information detector detects to be from at least one of the predetermined callers.~~

2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) The audio storage apparatus of claim 1, further comprising:

[[f]] g) a group control table registering plural telephone numbers in one group,

wherein said central controller

i) when calling in the network interface from the network, reproduces the main guidance stored in the audio storage through the audio data controller, and

ii) when judged there is a request for hearing of an audio message on the basis of the input signal, refers to the group control table, and when the caller information belongs to a specific group, reproduces the audio information depending on said group through the audio data controller.

4. (Canceled)

5. (Currently Amended) The audio storage apparatus of claim 1, further comprising:

[[f]] g) a response message control table for assigning each caller information with a response message of each mailbox,

~~wherein~~ said audio storage further stores main guidance, and said central controller

1) when calling in the network interface from the network, reproduces the main guidance through the audio data controller, ~~and~~

~~2) when judged there is a request for hearing of a response message on the basis of the input signal, reproduces the response message corresponding to the caller information through the audio data controller.~~

6. (Currently Amended) The audio storage apparatus of claim 1, further comprising:

[[f]] g) a mailbox response message controller for assigning each caller information with response message of each mailbox,

wherein said audio storage further stores main guidance, and said central controller

1) when calling in the network interface from the network, reproduces the main guidance through the audio data controller, ~~and~~

~~2) when judged there is a request for hearing of audio information on the basis of the input signal, reproduces the designated response message assigned to the caller information through the audio data controller.~~

7. (Currently Amended) The audio storage apparatus of claim 1 [[5]],  
wherein said response message control table includes a response message  
assigned to ~~a group of~~ plural pieces of caller information.

6 8. (Original) The audio storage apparatus of claim 6,  
wherein said mailbox response message controller stores the response message  
assigned to a group of plural pieces of caller information.

9. (Original) The audio storage apparatus of claim 6,  
wherein the designated message is reproduced without an assignment of a  
mailbox.

Claims 10-15 (Canceled)

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